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Dear Dr. Lederberg,

If you recall, we met while you were at the University of California, Dept. of Bacteriology, one summer session teaching a course in Microbial Genetics. I am now here at the University of Chicago teaching Microbial Genetics among other courses in Cytology and Genetics and continuing my research in microbial genetics.

I am currently doing some work which requires auxotrophs of E. coli. It is in this connection that I am writing. Such a request may involve as many as 25-30 mutants since I would want auxotrophs with single, specific requirements covering the amino-acids, vitamins, growth factors, purines, and pyrimidines. They should be as stable as possible, i.e., very low spontaneous reversion rate. Your help will be most appreciated since it would involve considerable effort on my part to assemble such a complete collection.

Sincerely,

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